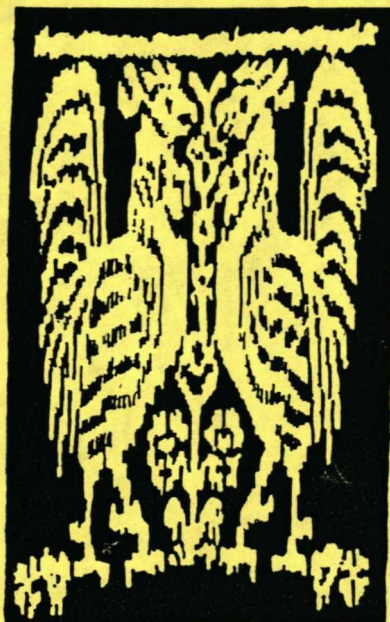


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FOREWORD

The United Nations and the 'Question of East Timor'

The Gulf War has focused attention on the role of the United Nations in resisting aggression. Within four months of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, the Security Council adopted no fewer than a dozen resolutions. Pressure on the Security Council to adopt these resolutions took place as the US moved more than a quarter of a million troops into the Middle East, making the launching of a devastating war "in the name of the UN" an inevitability.

But many other acts of aggression have failed to stir the world into action, not least Indonesia's invasion of East Timor on 7 December 1975. Yet it is important to remember that the UN has adopted no fewer than ten resolutions on the 'Question of East Timor'.

Before the end of December 1975, the Security Council adopted a unanimous resolution and the General Assembly adopted a resolution by a huge majority, calling for the immediate withdrawal of Indonesian troops and for the people of East Timor to exercise their right to self-determination. After a second Security Council resolution in April 1976, the General Assembly adopted resolutions annually from 1976 to 1982, repeating these basic demands. Since then the 'Question of East Timor' has been entrusted to the Secretary-General. The UN has not recognised Indonesia's illegal annexation; it still regards Portugal as the Administering Power.

Believing that it is important to highlight the decisions adopted over the years at the United Nations and to develop a campaign to press for their implementation, TAPOL has decided to publish the texts of all these resolutions for the record.

February 1991

Text of General Assembly resolution 3485 (XXX) Question of Timor, adopted at its 2439th meeting of 12 December 1975

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

Recognizing the inalienable right of all people to self-determination and independence in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Having examined the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and People relating to the question of Timor,

Having heard the statements of the representatives of Portugal, as the administering Power, concerning developments in Portuguese Timor and the implementation with regard to that Territory of the relevant provisions of the Charter and the Declaration, as well as those of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 15 December 1960,

Bearing in mind the responsibility of the administering Power to undertake all efforts to create conditions enabling the people of Portuguese Timor to exercise freely their right to self-determination, freedom and independence and to determine their future political status in accordance with the principles of the Charter and the Declaration, in an atmosphere of peace and order,

Mindful that all States should, in conformity with Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Charter, refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or national independence of any State, or from taking any action inconsistent with the purposes and principles of the Charter,

Deeply concerned at the critical situation resulting from the military intervention of the armed forces of Indonesia in Portuguese Timor,

1. Calls upon all States to respect the inalienable right of the people of Portuguese Timor to self-determination, freedom and independence and to de

termine their future political status in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration of the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

2. Calls upon the administering Power to continue to make every effort to find a solution by peaceful means through talks between the Government of Portugal and the political parties representing the people of Portuguese Timor,

3. Appeals to all the parties in Portuguese Timor to respond positively to efforts to find a peaceful solution through talks between them and the Government of Portugal in the hope that such talks will bring an end to the strife in that Territory and lead towards the orderly exercise of the right of self-determination by the people of Portuguese Timor,

4. Strongly deplores the military intervention of the armed forces of Indonesia in Portuguese Timor,

5. Calls upon the Government of Indonesia to desist from further violation of the territorial integrity of Potruguese Timor and to withdraw without delay its armed forces from the Territory in order to enable the people of the Territory freely to exercise teir right to self-determination and inde

pendence,

6. Draws the attention of the Security Council, in conformity with Article 11, paragraph 3, of the Charter, to the critical situation in the Territory of Timor and recommends that it take urgent action to protect the territorial integrity of Portuguese Timor and the inalienable right of its People to self-determination,

7. Calls upon all States to respect the unity ant territorial integrity of Portuguese Timor,

8. Requests the Government of Portugal to continue its co-operation with the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and requests the Committee to send a fact-finding mission to the Territory as soon as possible, in consultation with the political parties in Portuguese Timor and the Government of Portugal.

(The resolution was adopted by 72 votes to 10, with 43 abstentions)

THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

Having noted the contents of the letter of the Permanent Representative of Portugal (S/11899),

Having heard the statements of the representatives of Portugal and Indonesia,

Having heard representatives of the people of East Timor,

Recognizing the inalienable right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Noting that General Assembly resolution 3485 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, inter alia, requested the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to send a fact-finding mission to East Timor,

Gravely concerned at the deterioration of the situation in East Timor,

Gravely concerned also at the loss of life and conscious of the urgent need to avoid further bloodshed in East Timor,

Deploing the intervention of the armed forces of Indonesia in East Timor,

Regretting that the Government of Portugal did not discharge fully its responsibilities as administering Power in the Territory under Chapter XI of the Charter,

1. Calls upon all States to respect the territorial integrity of East Timor as well as the inalienable right of its people to self-determination in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV),
2. Calls upon the Government of Indonesia to withdraw without delay all its forces from the Territory,
3. Calls upon the Government of Portugal as administering Power to co-operate fully with the United Nations so as to enable the people of East Ti-

mor to exercise freely their right to self-determination,

4. Urges all States and other parties concerned to co-operate fully with the efforts of the United Nations to achieve a peaceful solution to the existing situation and to facilitate the decolonization of the Territory,

5. Requests the Secretary-General to send urgently a special representative to East Timor for the purpose of making an on-the-spot assessment of the existing situation and of establishing contact with all the parties in the Territory and all States concerned in order to ensure the implementation of the present resolution,

6. Further requests the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the present resolution and, taking into account the report of his special representative, to submit recommendations to the Secretary Council as soon as possible,

7. Decides to remain seized of the situation

(The resolution was adopted unanimously)

Text of Security Council resolution 389 (1976) of 22 April 1976

THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

Recalling its resolution 384 (1975) of 22 December 1975,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 12 March 1976 (S/12011),

Having heard the statements of the representatives of Portugal and Indonesia,

Having heard the statements of representatives of the people of East Timor,

Reaffirming the inalienable right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Beliving that all efforts should be made to create conditions that will enable the people of East Timor to exercise freely their right to self-determination,

Noting that the question of East Timor is before the General Assembly,

Conscious of the urgent need to bring to an end the continued situation of tension in East Timor,

Taking note of the statement by the representative of Indonesia,

1. Calls upon all States to respect the territorial integrity of East Timor, as well as the inalienable right of its people to self-determination in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV),
2. Calls upon the Government of Indonesia to withdraw without further delay all its forces from the Territory,
3. Requests the Secretary-General to have his special representative continue the assignment entrusted to him under paragraph 5 of Security-Council resolution 384 (1975) and pursue consultation with the parties concerned,
4. Further requests the Secretary General to follow the implementation of the present resolution and submit a report to the Security Council as soon as possible,
5. Calls upon all States and other parties concerned to co-operate fully with the United Nations to achieve a peaceful solution to the existing situation and to facilitate the descolonization of the Territory,
6. Decides to remain seized of the situation

(The resolution was adopted by 12 votes to none, with two abstentions)

Benin did not participate in the voting.

QUESTION OF TIMOR

Date = 1 December 1976

Meeting = 85

Vote = 68 - 20 - 49 (recorded)

Report = A/31/362

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

Recognizing the inalienable right of all people to self-determination and independence in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Recalling its resolution 3485 (XXX) of 12 December 1975 and Security Council resolutions 384 (1975) of 22 December 1975 and 389 (1976) of 22 April 1976,

Having examined the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the Territory,

Bearing in mind the part regarding the question of East Timor of the Political Declaration adopted by the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 16 to 19 August 1976,

Having heard the statement of the representative of Portugal,

Having also heard the statement of the representative of the Frente Revolucionária de Timor Leste Independente,

Mindful that all States should, in conformity with Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Charter of the United Nations, refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or national independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations,

Deeply concerned at the critical situation resulting from the military intervention of the armed forces of Indonesia in East Timor,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the People of East Timor to self-de-

termination and independence and the legitimacy of their struggle to achieve that right,

2. Reaffirms its resolution 3485 (XXX) and Security Council resolutions 384 (1975) and 389 (1976),

3. Affirms the principles stated in the part regarding the question of East Timor of the Political Declaration adopted by the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries,

4. Strongly deplores the persistent refusal of the Government of Indonesia to comply with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 3485 (XXX) and Security Council resolutions 384 (1975) and 389 (1976).

5. Rejects the claim that East Timor has been integrated into Indonesia, inasmuch as the people of the Territory have not been able to exercise freely their right to self-determination and independence,

6. Calls upon the Government of Indonesia to withdraw all its forces from the Territory,

7. Draws the attention of the Security Council, in conformity with Article 11, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, to the critical situation in the Territory of East Timor and recommends that it should take all effective steps for the immediate implementation of its resolutions 384 (1975) and 389 (1976) with a view to securing the full exercise by the people of East Timor of their right to self-determination and independence,

8. Requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to keep the situation in the Territory under active consideration, to follow the implementation of the present resolution, to dispatch to the Territory as soon as possible a visiting mission with a view to the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session,

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-second session an item entitled "Question of East Timor".

QUESTION OF EAST TIMOR

Date = 28 November 1977

Meeting = 83

Vote = 67 - 26 - 47 (recorded)

Report = A/32/357

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

Recognizing the inalienable right of all peoples to self-determination and independence in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Having examined the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the Territory,

Having heard the statement of the representatives of Portugal and Indonesia,

Having also heard the statement of the representatives of the Frente Revolucionária de Timor Leste Independente,

Mindful that all States should, in conformity with Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Charter, refrain in their international relations from the threat of use of force against the territorial integrity or national independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purpose of the United Nations,

Deeply concerned at the continuing critical situation in the Territory, resulting from the persistent refusal on the part of the Government of Indonesia to comply with the provisions of the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council,

Recalling its resolutions 3484 (XXX) of 12 December 1975 and 31/53 of 1 December 1976 and Security Council resolutions 304 (1975) of 22 December 1975 and 389 (1976) of 22 April 1976,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the People of East Timor to self-determination and independence and the legitimacy of their struggle to achieve

ve that right,

2. Reaffirms its resolution 3485 (XXX) and 31/53 and Security Council resolutions 384 (1975) and 389 (1976),

3. Rejects the claim that East Timor has been integrated into Indonesia inasmuch as the people of the Territory have not been able to exercise freely their right to self-determination and independence,

4. Requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to keep the Situation in the Territory under active consideration, to follow the implementation of the present resolution, to dispatch to the Territory as soon as possible a visiting mission with a view to the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session,

5. Requests the Secretary General in consultation with the Chairman of the Special Committee, in the meantime to send urgently a special representative to East Timor for the purpose of making a thorough, on-the-spot assessment of the existing situation in the Territory and of establishing contact with the representatives of the Frente Revolucionaria de Timor Leste Independente and the Government of Indonesia, as well as the Government of other States concerned, in order to prepare the ground for a visiting mission of the Special Committee, and to report thereon to the Special Committee,

6. Draws the attention of the Security Council, in conformity with Article 11, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, to the critical situation in the Territory of East Timor and recommends that it should take all effective steps for the implementation of its resolutions 384 (1975) and 389 (1976) with a view to securing the full exercise by the people of East Timor of their right to self-determination and independence,

7. Calls upon the Government of Indonesia and the leadership of the Frente Revolucionaria de Timor Leste Independente to facilitate the entry into East Timor of the International Committee of the Red Cross and other relief organisations in order to assist the people of the Territory,

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-third session the item entitled "Question of East Timor".

QUESTION OF EAST TIMOR

Date = 13 December 1978

Meeting = 81

Vote = 59 - 31 - 44 (recorded)

Report = A/33/455

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

Recognizing the inalienable right of all peoples to self-determination and independence in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Recalling its resolutions 3485 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, 31/53 of 1 December 1976 and 32/34 of 28 November 1977 and Security Council resolutions, 384 (1975) of 22 December 1975 and 389 (1976) of 22 April 1976,

Having examined the chapter of the report of the Special Committee in the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the Territory,

Having heard the statement made on the subject of East Timor, including statement by the representative of the Frente Revolucionaria de Timor Leste Independente,

Deeply concerned at the continuing critical situation in the Territory, resulting from the persistent refusal on the part of the Government of Indonesia to comply with the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council,

Bearing in mind the part of the Declaration of the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Belgrade from 25 to 30 July 1978, relating to East Timor,

Mindful that all States should, in conformity with Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Charter, refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or national independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purpose of the United Nations,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of East Timor to self-de-

termination and independence, and the legitimacy of their struggle to achieve that right,

2. Reaffirms its resolutions 3485 (XXX), 31/53 and 32/34 and Security Council resolutions 384 (1975) and 389 (1976),

3. Requests the Special Committee on the situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to keep the situation in the Territory under active consideration, to follow the implementation of the present resolution, to dispatch to the Territory as soon as possible a visiting mission with a view to the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session,

4. Draws the attention of the Security Council, in conformity with Article 11, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, to the critical situation in the Territory of East Timor and recommends that it take all effective steps for the implementation of its resolutions 384 (1975) and 389 (1976) with a view to securing the full exercise by the people of East Timor of their right to self-determination and independence,

5. Decides to include in the agenda of its thirty-fourth session the item entitled "Question of East Timor".

QUESTION OF EAST TIMOR

Date = 21 November 1979

Meeting = 75

Vote = 62 - 31 - 45 (recorded)

Report = A/34/668

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

Recognizing the inalienable right of all people to self-determination and independence in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Bearing in mind the part of the Political Declaration adopted by the Sixth

Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Havana from 3 to 9 September 1979, relating to East Timor,

Having examined the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the Territory,

Having heard the statement by the representatives of Portugal, as the administering Power, and of Indonesia,

Having also heard the statements by the petitioners including the representative of the Frente Revolucionaria de Timor Leste Independente,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV),
2. Declares that the people of East Timor must be enabled freely to determine their own future, under the auspices of the United Nations,
3. Expresses its deepest concern at the suffering of the people of East Timor as a result of the situation now prevailing in the Territory,
4. Calls upon all parties concerned to facilitate the entry into the Territory of international relief aid in order to alleviate the suffering of the people of East Timor,
5. Requests the United Nations Children's Fund and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to render, within their respective fields of competence, all possible assistance to the people of East Timor, particularly the children and those seeking to leave for another country for purposes of family reunion,
6. Requests the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session,
7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session the item entitled "Question of East Timor".

QUESTION OF EAST TIMOR 1980

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

Recognizing the inalienable right of all people to self-determination and independence, in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960.

Considering that the international community is celebrating this year the twentieth anniversary of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV),

Bearing in mind that the Fifth and Sixth Summits of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held in Sri Lanka and Cuba, in 1976 and 1979, respectively, reaffirmed the right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence,

Having examined the chapter and other relevant documents of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the territory,

Taking into consideration the recent communique of the Council of Ministers of Portugal, of 12 September 1980, in which the Administering Power reaffirms the right of the people of East Timor to self-determination,

Taking also into consideration the diplomatic initiative by the Portuguese Government with a view to find a global solution to the problem to East Timor,

Deeply concerned at the continuing suffering of the people of East Timor as a result of the situation of hostilities still prevailing in the territory,

Having heard the statements by various East Timorese petitioners and international experts, Non-Governmental Organizations, as well as the Representatives of the Frente Revolucionaria de Timor Leste Independente - FRETILIN,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence, in accordance with the General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

2. Declares that the people of East Timor must be enabled to freely determine their own future within the framework of the United Nations,

3. Welcomes the diplomatic initiative by the Portuguese Government as a first step towards the free exercise by the people of East Timor of their right to self-determination and independence, and urges all parties directly concerned to cooperate fully of the General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) ,
4. Expresses its deepest concern at the continuing suffering of the people of East Timor as a result of the situation still prevailing in the territory,
5. Request the World Food Program, the United Nations Childre'n Fund - UNICEF - and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees - UNHCR - to render, within their respective fields of competence, all possible assistance to the people of East Timor, particularly the children,
6. Request the Secretary General to follow the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, on all aspects of the situation in East Timor, particularly, the political developments as related to in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4,
7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session an item entitled "Question of East Timor".

Question of East Timor 1981

Date: 24 November 1981
Vote: 54 - 42 - 46 (recorded)
Report: A/36/679

The General Assembly,

Recognising the inalienable right of all peoples to self-determination and independence in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Bearing in mind that the Fifth and Sixth Conferences of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo and Havana, in 1976 and 1979 respectively, reaffirmed the right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence,

Having examined the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to East Timor and other relevant documents,

Deeply concerned at the suffering of the people of East Timor and at reports of the critical situation resulting from the new outbreak of famine in the Territory,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the question of East Timor,

Recalling the communique of the Council of Ministers of Portugal, issued on 12 September 1980, in which the administering Power pledged to undertake broad initiatives with a view to ensuring the full and speedy decolonisation of East Timor,

Having heard the statement of the representative of Portugal, as the administering Power,

Having heard the statements of the representative of the Frente Revolucionaria de Timorese Leste Independente, the Liberation movement of East Timor, and various East Timor petitioners, as well as those representatives of non-governmental organisations,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);
2. Declares that the people of East Timor must be enabled freely to determine their own future on the basis of the relevant General Assembly resolutions and internationally accepted procedures;

3. Calls upon all interested parties, namely Portugal, as the administering Power, and the representatives of the East Timorese people, as well as Indonesia, to co-operate fully with the United Nations with a view to guaranteeing the full exercise of the right to self-determination by the people of East Timor;

4. Notes the initiative undertaken by the Government of Portugal as stated in the communique of the Council of Ministers of Portugal, issued on 12 September 1980, and invites the administering Power to continue its efforts with a view to ensuring the proper exercise of the right to self-determination and independence by the people of East Timor, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), and to report to the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples on the progress of its initiative;

5. Expresses its deepest concern at the reports of the critical situation resulting from the new outbreak of famine in East Timor and calls upon all specialised agencies and other organisations of the United Nations system, in particular the World Food Programme, the United Nations' Children's Fund and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, immediately to assist, within their respective fields of competence, the people of the Territory,

6. Notes with satisfaction the humanitarian aid given by some Member States and relief organisations to the people of East Timor and calls upon all Governments concerned to continue this aid with a view to alleviating the suffering of the people of the Territory;

7. Requests the Special Committee to keep the situation in the Territory under active consideration and to follow the implementation of the present resolution;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-seventh session an item entitled "The Question of East Timor".

Question of East Timor 1982

Date: 23 November 1982
Vote: 50 - 46 - 50

Resolution 37/30

The General Assembly,

Recognising the inalienable right of all peoples to self-determination and independence in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and other relevant United Nations resolutions,

Having examined the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to East Timor and other relevant documents,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the question of East Timor,

Taking note of resolution 1982/20 adopted by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on 8 September 1982,

Having heard the statement of the representative of Portugal, as the administering Power,

Having heard the statement of the representative of Indonesia,

Having heard the statements of the representative of the Frente Revolucionaria de Timor Leste Independente and of various East Timor petitioners, as well as of the representatives of non-governmental organisations,

Bearing in mind that Portugal, the administering Power, has stated its full and solemn commitment to uphold the right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence,

Bearing in mind also its resolutions 3485 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, 31/53 of 1 December 1976, 32/34 of 28 November 1977, 33/39 of 13 December 1978, 34/40 of 21 November 1979, 35/27 of 11 November 1980 and 36/50 of 24 November 1981,

Concerned with the humanitarian situation prevailing in the Territory and believing that all efforts should be made by the international community to improve the living conditions of the people of East Timor and to guarantee to these people the effective enjoyment of their fundamental human rights,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to initiate consultations with all parties directly concerned, with a view to exploring avenues for achieving a comprehensive settlement of the problem, and to

report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session;

2. Requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to keep the situation in the Territory under active consideration and to render all assistance to the Secretary-General with a view to facilitating the implementation of the present resolution;

3. Calls upon all specialised agencies and other organisations of the United Nations system, in particular the World Food Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, immediately to assist, within their respective fields of competence, the people of East Timor, in close consultation with Portugal, as the administering Power.

4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session the item entitled "Question of East Timor".

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